

## SENATE BILL No. 564

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-15-2.

**Synopsis:** Waiting period for dissolution of marriage. Lengthens the waiting period before which a final hearing in a dissolution of marriage action may be conducted if there is a child of the marriage who is less than 17 years of age or if an objection to the dissolution is filed by either party. Retains 60 days as the waiting period before a final hearing in a dissolution of marriage action upon a showing of domestic violence against a party or a party's child.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 20, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Family & Children Services.

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First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 31-15-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as  
3 provided in **subsections (b), (c), and (d) and** sections 13 and 14 of this  
4 chapter, in an action for a dissolution of marriage under section 2 of  
5 this chapter, a final hearing shall be conducted not earlier than sixty  
6 (60) days after the filing of the petition.  
7 (b) **A final hearing in an action for dissolution of marriage shall**  
8 **be conducted not earlier than one hundred eighty (180) days after**  
9 **the filing of the petition if there is a child of the marriage who is**  
10 **less than seventeen (17) years of age.**  
11 (c) **A final hearing in an action for dissolution of marriage shall**  
12 **be conducted not earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days after**  
13 **the filing of the petition if:**  
14 (1) **there is no child of the marriage who is less than seventeen**  
15 **(17) years of age; and**  
16 (2) **an objection to the dissolution is filed by either party.**





(d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), a final hearing in an action for dissolution of marriage may be conducted not earlier than sixty (60) days after the filing of the petition if either party in the petition or in a response filed to the petition asserts that the other party has engaged in domestic violence against:

(1) the petitioning party; or

(2) the petitioning party's child.

SECTION 2. IC 31-15-2-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 13. ~~At least sixty (60) days~~ After a petition is filed in an action for dissolution of marriage under section 2 of this chapter, the court may enter a summary dissolution decree without holding a final hearing under this chapter if there have been filed with the court verified pleadings signed by both parties containing:

(1) a written waiver of final hearing; and

(2) either:

(A) a statement that there are no contested issues in the action; or

(B) a written agreement made in accordance with section 17 of this chapter that settles any contested issues between the parties.

